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13. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the hierarchy of the application databases is the same as the hierarchy of the configuration management databases, wherein the configuration management database is included as part of the application database.

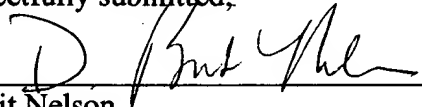
REMARKS

The Applicant respectfully requests an allowance of the claims as amended.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 5, starting at line 3, please replace the paragraph as follows:

- Managing all or some of the different schemas and applications of a distributed system in one location,

On page 5, starting at line 15, please replace the paragraph as follows:

A database system may include [servers] server computers, smart terminals, other terminals and network nodes. A network node may be e.g. a base station controller, access router, optical network router, radio network controller (RNC) controlling a base station controller (BSC), etc. These parts of the distributed database system may have a wireless or wireline connection to the other parts of the system. If a network-based server is used, the application can, in some embodiments, be located and invoked by using the Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of the server. The schema/application configuration management node may also be a server, a client terminal or other node mentioned above, with a wireless or wireline connection to the other servers and terminals, which include parts of the distributed database. The database may be Oracle, Solid, Times Ten, Polyhedra, Clustra or any other database.

On page 6, starting at line 25, please replace the paragraph as follows:

The method according to the invention for managing schemas and/or application configuration in at least one database system comprising at least one application master database and at least one application replica database, wherein at least one of said databases comprises a schema of the data stored in the database, is characterized in that the at least one schema and/or application

configuration is managed externally of said at least one application master database and at least one application replica database[, and that at least one said database is distributed on single or multiple servers].

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A method for managing database schemas and/or application configuration data in at least one database system comprising at least one application master database and at least one application replica database, wherein at least one of said databases comprises a schema of the data stored in the database, characterized in that

- at least one schema and/or application configuration is managed externally of said at least one application master database or at least one application replica database[, and
- at least one database is distributed on single or multiple servers].

2. (Amended) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that at least one configuration management master is provided in at least one configuration management node, which is separate from each of said database nodes, a replica of at least parts of said configuration management master is stored to a server comprising the at least one database, and the schema of said at least one database is created and/or updated on the basis of scripts of said configuration management replica.

3. (Amended) A method of according to claim 2, characterized in that the configuration of [all] at least some databases of said database system are managed by said configuration management node.